rich fishermen are not set against the poor fishermen and also not use the competition between them to raise the licence fees so as to bring more profit to the Government?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not feel I stand before the dock of this House so as to prove the *bona fides* of the Government.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : May I inform the Hon. Minister that there was no dispute about the issue of the licence but that there was a dispute only in regard to the residential qualifications of these five fishermen? The village officer gave the certificate and the District Collector made enquiries and said they were entitled to get their licences according to their residential qualifications. The Assistant Director of Fisheries agreed to this recommendation. Afterwards the Additional Director of Fisheries came there and he passed an order refusing the issue of licences. As a result of this they are suffering. They are poor people with big families. They should be helped. Therefore may I request the Hon. Minister to enquire into the matter and redress their real grievances?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, the Collector has been been asked to make enquiries about the complaints against the village munsif of Madai and submit his report.

The Madras Land Revenue (Additional Surcharge) Act, 1955

* 275 Q.—SRI C. KANDASAMY (on behalf of Sri M. Kalyanasundaram) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) when orders were issued by the Board of Revenue for the collection of the surcharge under the Madras Land Revenue (Additional Surcharge) Act, 1955, for the fasli 1365 ; and

(*b*) whether any rules have been framed under this Act?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Instructions for the calculation and collection of surcharge under the Madras Land Revenue (Additional Surcharge) Act, 1955, were issued by the Board of Revenue on 15th March 1956.

(*b*) Yes. Copies of the rules issued in the matter were placed on the table of the Assembly on 17th March 1956.

Payment of pension to the aided and local board elementary school teachers

* 276 Q.—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the framing of rules and the other necessary preliminaries for the payment of pension to the aided and local board elementary school teachers in the State have been completed ; and

(*b*) if so, the date from which such payment will be made?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) From the 1st April 1955.